GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4895
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS BY FCI
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice, wheat and other foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation ofIndia during the last three years, year-wise and in the current year, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains perished in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India during each of the last three years State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such loss?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a): The State-wise procurement of rice, wheat and coarsegrains by the Food Corporation ofIndia (FCI) during the Marketing years 1997-98 to 2001-02, till 20.8.2001, is at Annexure.

(b): The storage losses in foodgrains (wheat, rice and paddy in terms of rice) in the godowns of the FCIfor the last three years is as follows:-

(Quantity in Lakh MT)

Year	Quantity of loss
1997-98	1.81
1998-99	1.51
1999-2000	1.60

(c): The following measures have been taken by Government to reduce the losses:-

i) Adoption of 50 Kg. packing in a phased manner.
ii) Improvement in size and quality of gunnies.
iii) Encouraging machine stitching of bags
iv) Double line machine stitching of bags.
v) Installation of weigh bridges.
vi) Administrative measures such as tightening of security at depots, intensifying surprise checks, ensuring regular stocks verification etc.

vii) Induction of CISF at vulnerable depots to curb theft and pilferage.
viii) Not to place godowns under the charge of officials whose antecedents are doubtful.

ix) Streamlining procedure and documentation for prompt investigation and fixing responsibility Inspection of depots by Senior Regional Manager and District Managers.

x) Speeding up of `write off` cases and fixation of responsibility wherever called for.
xi) Inspection of depots by Senior Regional Manager and District Managers.

xii) Inspection of weigh bridges by Joint Manager (Mechanical) and District Manager.

xiii) Identification of vulnerable points

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4895 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24-8-2001

IN THE LOK SABHA.

PROCUREMENT OF RICE, WHEAT AND COARSEGRAINS BY FCI SINCE 1997-98 TILL 2001-2002.

(In `000 tonnes)

STATES/U.T.	1997-98			1998-99			1999-2000			2000-2001			2001-2002		
	Rice	Wheat	Coarse grains	Rice	Wheat	Coarse grains	Rice	Wheat	Coarse grains	Rice+	Wheat	Coarse grains	Rice	Wheat+	Coarse grains
Andhra Pradesh	3854.57	1.96	5118.88	0.02	5497.87	-	6795.44	-	20.45	-	-	-			
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	0.07	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bihar	21.50	0.02	-	0.40	-	20.19	-	-	4.58	-	-	-	22.29	-	
Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	491.40	-	-	-	-	-			
Gujarat	-	-	5.29	-	1.70	-	-	0.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Haryana	1216.77	172.86	254.83	473.04	-	808.03	625.41	-	1438.41	412.33	-	-	831.43	-	
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	0.18	-	-	-	-	0.40	-	-	-	1.52	-	
Karnataka	91.87		100.44	-	0.05	111.01	-	-	222.41	-	123.31	-	-	-	
Madhya Pradesh	623.24	5.00	5.45	271.72	45.60	1.34	791.30	45.83	-	127.66	14.02	30.29	-	44.00	-
Maharashtra	31.52	-	5.63	5.02	-	0.56	50.65	-		0.09	31.83	-			
Orissa	683.83	-	480.87	-	-	884.50	-	-	810.92	-	-	-			
Punjab	3268.96	1494.23	2006.16	1826.64	0.02	2884.02	2456.84	-	-	2812.38	-	-	3062.15	-	
Rajasthan	6.16	319.81	3.45	666.62	-	32.40	636.78		25.80	197.10	-	-	336.49	-	
Uttranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.03	-				
Uttar Pradesh	1065.14	24.65	-	120.22	-	-	1261.16	-	1016.91	12.85	-	-	-		
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Chandigarh	10.88	1.77	5.37	-	-	13.96	-	-	16.25	-	-	-	11.85	-	
Delhi	-	0.09	0.11	7.61	-	5.69	1.55	-	-	-	-	50.21	-		
Pondicherry	7.73	-	9.11	-	-	8.49	-	-	30.89	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	10882.17	2018.43	18.33	8255.96	3142.01	1.99	11108.11	5027.98	0.16	11012.90	3448.68	174.05	0.00	4386.97	-

+ As on 20.8.2001.